

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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In the Matter of Permit 21032 (Application 26454)

**Cawelo Water District**

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION  
AND AMENDING THE PERMIT**

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SOURCE: Poso Creek tributary to Tulare Lake Basin

COUNTY: Kern

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued Permit 21032 to Cawelo Water District (District) on May 11, 2000, pursuant to Application 26454.
2. The District submitted a petition dated December 18, 2002 with the State Water Board to change the location of one of the points of diversion approved in Permit 21032. The District re-filed the petition on August 20, 2003 to clarify the location of the proposed point of diversion, and the State Water Board has determined that the District has shown good cause for such change.
3. The State Water Board issued a public notice of the change on September 15, 2006, and no protests were received.
4. The State Water Board has determined that the petition for change in the point of diversion does not constitute the initiation of a new right nor operate to the injury of any other lawful user of water.
5. The State Water Board has considered the environmental effects of the petition for change as described in the August 2002 Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Modified Famoso Water Banking Project, SCH # 2002081105, prepared for this project by Cawelo Water District as Lead Agency. The Negative Declaration concludes that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The State Water Board, as a Responsible Agency, has determined that there are no unmitigated adverse environmental impacts associated with the State Water Board's approval of the change in point of diversion. The Cawelo Water District filed a Notice of Determination with the Kern County Clerk on December 13, 2002. The State Water Board, Division of Water Rights has issued a Notice of Determination for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT PERMIT 21032 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The point of diversion shall be amended to add a new point of diversion, described as follows:


North 1,246 feet and West 1,848 feet from SE corner of Section 8, being within SE¼ of Section 8, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, MDB&M.

2. The following point of diversion is deleted from the permit:

South 2,532 feet and West 774 feet from NE corner of Section 25, being within NE¼ of Section 25, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, MDB&M.

3. All other conditions of Permit 21032 are still applicable.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

  
for Victoria A. Whitney, Chief  
Division of Water Rights

Dated: **JAN 23 2007**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER**

**PERMIT 21032**

Application 26454 of      **Cawelo Water District**  
                                 **17207 Industrial Farm Road**  
                                 **Bakersfield, CA 93308-9519**

filed on **July 15, 1980** has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)  
SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.

**Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:**

1.    Source of water

Source  
**Poso Creek**

Tributary to  
**Tulare Lake**

within the County of **Kern**

2.    Location of point of diversion

By California Coordinate System in Zone 5 <b>N0778800, E1627600</b>	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
<b>Direct Diversion And Diversion To Underground Storage: (1) South 2,532 feet and West 774 feet from NE corner</b>	<b>NE ¼</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>

<b>Diversion To Underground Storage And Diversion To Storage: (2) North 1,339 feet and East 140 feet from SW corner</b>	<b>SW ¼</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>Diversion To Underground Storage: (3) South 259 feet and West 234 feet from NE corner</b>	<b>NE ¼</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>(4) South 2,466 feet and East 2,774 feet from NW corner</b>	<b>NE ¼</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>(5) South 588 feet and West 22 feet from NE corner</b>	<b>NE ¼</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>(6) North 2,476 feet and West 2,547 feet from SE corner</b>	<b>SW ¼</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>(7) North 323 feet from SE corner</b>	<b>SE ¼</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>(8) South 2,155 feet and East 2,335 feet from NW corner</b>	<b>NW ¼</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>

3. Purpose of use	4. Place of use	Section (Projected)*	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
<b>Irrigation</b>			<b>26S, 27S, 28S</b>	<b>26E</b>	<b>MD</b>	
<b>Stockwatering</b>			<b>26S, 27S, 28S, 29S</b>	<b>27E</b>	<b>MD</b>	

The place of use is shown on map on file with the SWRCB.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed (a) 110 cubic feet per second by direct diversion, (b) 50 acre-feet per annum by storage, and (c) 17,899 acre-feet per annum to be collected to underground storage at a maximum rate of 40 cubic feet per second. The season of diversion for all of the aforementioned diversions shall be limited to November 1 to June 14 of the succeeding year. The total amount of water to be taken from the source shall not exceed 30,000 acre-feet per water year. A water year begins on October 1 of each year and ends on September 30 of the succeeding year. The storage capacity of the surface water reservoir shall not exceed 50 acre-feet.

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(0000005H)

6. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 31, 2009.

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7. This permit shall not be construed as conferring upon the permittee right of access to the point of diversion.

(0000022)

8. The allocation of the available water resources under this permit, Permit 17538 (Application 25117) of Semitropic Water Storage District, and the permit issued for Application 26351 of North Kern Water Storage District is governed by a private agreement among these parties dated May 23, 1997 and amended on September 21, 1999. If the agreement is modified, the permittee shall provide to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights a revised allocation schedule, and the permittee shall operate to the revised schedule. If the agreement is terminated, the Chief of the Division of Water Rights shall determine the water allocation schedule needed to protect prior rights and public trust resources, and the permittee shall operate to this schedule.

(0000024)

9. Permittee shall consult with the Division of Water Rights and develop and implement a water conservation plan or actions. The proposed plan or actions shall be presented to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights for approval within one year from the date of this permit or such further time as, for good cause shown, may be allowed by the Division Chief. A progress report on the development of a water conservation program may be required by the Division Chief at any time within this period.

Features of the water conservation plan may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project.

All cost-effective measures identified in the water conservation program shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule for implementation found therein.

(0000029B)

10. In order to prevent degradation of the quality of water during and after construction of the project, prior to commencement of construction, permittee shall file a report pursuant to Water Code Section 13260 and shall comply with all waste discharge requirements imposed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley, Region 5, Fresno or by the State Water Resources Control Board.

(0000100)

11. No water shall be used under this permit until permittee has filed a report of waste discharge with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5, Fresno pursuant to Water Code Section 13260, and the Regional Board or State Water Resources Control Board has prescribed waste discharge requirements or has indicated that waste discharge requirements are not required. Thereafter, water may be diverted only during such times as all requirements prescribed by the Regional Board or State Board are being met. No point source discharges of waste to surface water shall be made unless waste discharge requirements are issued by a Regional Board or the State Board. A discharge to ground water without issuance of a waste discharge requirement may be allowed if, after filing the report pursuant to Section 13260:

(1) the Regional Board issues a waiver pursuant to Section 13269, or

(2) the Regional Board fails to act within 120 days of the filing of the report. No permittee shall be required to file a report of waste discharge pursuant to Section 13260 of the Water Code for percolation to ground water of water resulting from the irrigation of crops.

(0290101)

12. Prior to diversion of water under this permit, permittee shall (1) install devices to measure the quantities of water placed into underground storage and (2) install devices to measure or provide documentation of the method to be used to determine the quantity of water recovered from underground storage and placed to beneficial use. A plan describing the measuring devices and the method of determining the quantity of water recovered from underground storage shall be submitted to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights for review, modification (as appropriate) and approval within six months from the date of this permit. The measurement program shall include measurement of the quantity placed to underground storage at each of the diversion facilities, and shall include a reporting requirement for the purpose of identifying when any sand dam or the concrete dam is not functional. All measuring devices shall be properly maintained. (0080117)

13. Permittee shall install and maintain devices satisfactory to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights to measure the instantaneous rate of diversion and cumulative quantity of water diverted under this permit. A record of such measurements shall be maintained by the permittee, and made available to interested parties upon reasonable request. The monthly average and annual average

diversion amounts shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board with the annual "Progress Report by Permittee".

(0090900)

14. This permit is specifically subject to any valid riparian and pre-1914 appropriative rights of Robert J. Vignolo, the Vignolo Family Trust, et. al.

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**15. ALL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

(A) Permittee shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used to enable SWRCB to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code section 1605.

(B) The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants.

(C) Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the SWRCB until a license is issued.

(D) Permittee shall allow representatives of the SWRCB and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said SWRCB, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.

(E) Pursuant to California Water Code sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of SWRCB in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this condition unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

(F) The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the SWRCB if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for

hearing, the SWRCB finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

(G) This permit does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this water right, the permittee shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Permittee shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this permit.

***This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:***

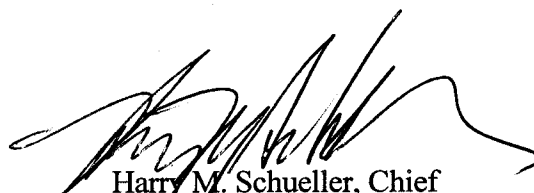
*Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.*

*Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.*

*Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).*

**Dated:**

**MAY 11 2000**



Harry M. Schueller, Chief  
Division of Water Rights